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The rooms in the rear of the church include five Sunday School rooms, the church office, the pastor's study and rest rooms. In the basement we have an office for the superintendents of the Beginner, Junior, and Intermediate departments, sixteen Sunday School rooms and a modernly equipped radio studio, from which we broadcast every weekday morning, except Monday, 10:30-11, and on Sunday afternoon, 4:30-5:30. These programs are broadcast through the facilities of station WEGO, Concord, N. C., 1410 on the dial.

The new building is three stories in height and contains twenty-two Sunday School rooms, an auditorium which will seat approximately 175, Sunday School offices and supply rooms, rest rooms, and a newly furnished apartment for the assistant pastor. This building is heated by one of the finest automatic fuel oil systems.

Our main auditorium will seat approximately 750 and is almost filled at week-end services.—(Turn to page 2)

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**NOTICES**

**OREGON CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION**

**August 24 to September 2**

Portland has the honor of having the camp meeting and state convention this year. Several ministers are planning to be with us: Rev. H. L. Chesser, convention speaker, Rev. Howard D. Statum, overseer of Idaho, and other visiting ministers, as well as the good ministers from Washington and Oregon. We are expecting this to be one of the best state meetings in Oregon. Help us pray to this end.—Lemuel Johnson, State Overseer.

To whom it may concern: I am now ready to accept calls for revivals. My address is 505 S. 11th St., Bessemer City, N. C.—Yours for lost souls, O. M. McKinney.

**NOTICE**

**Virginia camp meeting and convention will convene in Pulaske, Virginia, August 28-September 7, on circus ground, one block north of local church, under big gospel tent. Come and be with us during this spiritual convocation.—D. C. Boatwright, State Overseer.**



**from the  
GENERAL OVERSEER'S DESK**

I received a lengthy letter from Brother M. P. Cross, overseer of Illinois, in which he reports the progress of the State. A letter of this type is certainly encouraging and more letters like this one, from other state overseers, would cause great rejoicing on the field, I am sure. Brother Cross' letter is as follows:

"Our camp meeting was really fine right through to the end. Our mission offering was \$2,800.12, \$596.98 of this being given on the floor that morning. This is \$509.55 more than last year's offering.

"Brother C. N. Steele is finishing a nice brick church in Johnston City, where the church has had a hard struggle for existence for many years.

"The district overseer and I approved a beautiful location for a new church in Harrisburg yesterday (July 15), where Brother Hartgraves has raised a nice building fund and expects to start construction soon.

"Bill Brown, pastor in Benton, is going on up with the 48 by 72 foot brick church here.

"The Halsted Street Church in Chicago has recently purchased a brick building in a good location, and they are remodeling it to make a church and parsonage. Brother Daulton Short is pastor there.

"Brother E. R. Hancock is finishing a new parsonage in Alvin.

"Carriers Mills has sold their old parsonage and bought a nice new one. Brother and Sister Roby are comfortably located in it, and the debt

has practically been paid, in just a few months.

"Brother C. W. Kerce is preparing to build a new church in Clinton.

"Brother O. N. Cecil is working on the new church building in Collinsville.

"Lincoln Avenue Church, in E. Saint Louis, has been worshipping in a basement church for several years and they are now planning to go on up with their building. Brother E. H. Thomas has been raising funds and Brother A. B. Long is taking over to finish the job.

"Brother G. E. Mills has recently done some remodeling on the church in Kincaid.

"Brother James Matthews is finishing the church building in McLeansboro and is building a parsonage.

"Brother D. P. Barnett has bought a nice lot in Norris City and plans to start building immediately.

"West Frankfort is building Sunday School rooms; A. G. Phillips is pastor.

"Brother Estel Moore is now living in the new parsonage at Mount Vernon, although it is not fully completed.

"I understand that Maplewood is getting along nicely on a new parsonage.

"A committee has been appointed to select a new campground site and we hope to have a new campground and a number of cottages built by camp-meeting time next year."

We are greatly encouraged by the work that is being done in the State of Illinois, and trust that the Lord will continue to bless.

**OUR COVER PAGE**

Our Sunday School average at Kanapolis, N. C., is about 620 at the present and there are definite signs that it will grow much larger when we have purchased our new Sunday School bus, for which we are in a drive now.

The present membership of the church is 507. We have gained forty-five members since the Assembly. Many of these were gained as the result of a great revival which we closed

a few weeks ago. This revival was conducted by Rev. C. R. Spain, of Fort Mill, S. C., and lasted four weeks, with approximately thirty-six receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

God is really blessing us here and every time we set our goal we have to pull up stakes and move them higher in just a short time, for the people are working with us. We all have the vision of doing great things for God.

—Pastor, Wade H. Horton; assistant pastor, Harold E. Cato.

# The Doctrine of Justification

By Ivan R. Stone

Text: Rom. 5:1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

**Justification defined:** Justification is the judicial act of God whereby those who put faith in Jesus Christ are set forth as innocent and righteous in God's sight, and are free from guilt and condemnation. Deut. 25:1; Psa. 32:2; Rom. 1:33.

**Justification consists of two phases:** First, the forgiveness of sins and iniquities, and removal of guilt and condemnation. Psa. 103:12, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

Isa. 53:6, "The Lord hath laid on him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all." This verse literally means that when we come to Jesus Christ confessing our sins, with faith in His blood, we find that God the Father has laid on Him the sins and iniquities of us all (all who have accepted Him). If our sins and iniquities have been placed on Jesus, then they are not on us.

Rom. 8:1, "There is therefore (for this reason) no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." Jesus Christ bore the billows of God's wrath in His own blessed body on the tree. Listen! 2 Cor. 8:9, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Micah 7:19, "... he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." Of course, this is figurative language, but it does express the blessed truth that our sins are far from us when we are justified in God's sight. Justification does not make one righteous, but simply declares him righteous. God certainly could not justify an unrighteous person. He has to become righteous by accepting Jesus Christ as his Saviour before God can declare him righteous.

Second, justification consists of the imputation of divine righteousness. Rom. 3:22, This divine "righteousness ... is ... unto all and upon all them that believe." 1 Cor. 1:30, God hath made Christ to be unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Rom. 5:18b, "By the right-

eousness of one (Christ) the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." Imputation is an act of God whereby He accounts righteousness to the believer in Jesus Christ.

**The necessity for justification:** The holiness of God and the sinfulness of man both demand justification of the believer. Hab. 1:13 teaches that God is too pure to look upon evil and iniquity; therefore, if sinful man is to approach unto a holy God, it must be through some means of atonement for his sins. Christ vicariously atoned for man's sins on the cross when He exclaimed, "It is finished," and a soldier pierced a spear into His side and blood and water came out, John 19:30, 34. Thus, we read in Rom. 5:9, that we are justified by His blood. Isa. 59:2 shows that sins put men at an infinite distance from God, but the atonement bridges over that distance and brings men back near to God. Eph. 2:13 says we are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Man's sinfulness calls for some means of justification so that he might be restored to a state of innocence and righteousness before God.

**How are we justified?** Not by the law of Moses. Rom. 3:20, "By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight." At the white throne judgment, no man will be accounted righteous because of his obedience to the law of Moses. The reason the law cannot justify is here given: "For by the law is the knowledge of sin." The law could open the sinner's eyes to his sins, but could not take them away, Heb. 10:4. The law defined sin, and gave to it the character of sin, but did not liberate men from sin. Gal. 3:10 gives another plain reason why justification cannot be effected by the law. The law demanded a perfect and continual obedience. No man can render such obedience to the law; therefore, justification by the law was impossible. But the law did stop every man's mouth and declare him guilty before God. The law showed men how sinful they were, and stopped them from boasting of their own righteousness before God. Rom. 3:19, 20.

**We are justified by God's free grace:** Rom. 3:24, "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that

is in Christ Jesus." The word "grace," when used in salvation, simply means "the unmerited favor of God," Titus 3:4. We deserve nothing, He gives us everything. All we get from God is through grace, for we have nothing to give God in return except ourselves. And that is just what God wants; if we will furnish the persons, He will furnish the grace. Paul says in Rom. 4:4, 5, that if a man had to work for his salvation, it would not be counted of grace, but of debt. In other words, after a man had done so much work, then God would owe him a debt, and pay him off with salvation. Rom. 4:5, "To him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." Eph. 2:8,9 very clearly tells us that salvation is by grace apart from works. Men are saved when they confess with their mouths and believe in their hearts that God raised Him (Jesus) from the dead, Rom. 10:9, 10. Salvation is by grace apart from good works; good works follow after we are saved, and the faithful of God will be rewarded at the judgment seat of Christ for their works, 1 Cor. 3:14; Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10. The trend of these verses is that we Christians shall all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, and be judged as servants for our works. The results will be reward, or loss of the reward, but not the loss of the soul. See 1 Cor. 3:12-15.

**The basis of justification is the blood of Jesus Christ:** Rom. 3:24, "Being justified ... through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Rom. 5:9, "... being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath (tribulation wrath) through him." The Scripture says nothing of remission of sins without the shedding of blood, Heb. 9:22, except in a few instances where Jesus forgave sins before He died on the cross, and these were forgiven in anticipation of His sacrifice upon the cross, Mark 2:5, 10; Luke 7:47.

**The instrument of justification is faith:** Acts 13:39, "And by him (Jesus) all that believe (have faith in Him) are justified (set forth as innocent and righteous in God's sight) from all things, from which ye could not be

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# BIBLE GLINTS <sup>and</sup> Late Events

BY THE EDITOR



## TOTAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP JUST HALF OF U. S. POPULATION

**24,402,124 Are Roman Catholics; Jews Numbered at 4,641,000**

NEW YORK—(AP)—Membership in religious bodies in the United States reached 73,673,182 at the beginning of 1947, a gain of 1,973,040 over the same time in 1946, the magazine *Christian Herald* asserts.

Forty-seven major Protestant denominations report a total gain of 1,534,787 members during the past year, while the Roman Catholic Church gained 434,453 members.

There were 4,641,000 Jews.

The survey indicated that almost exactly one-half the nation's residents are enrolled in some church.

The total reported membership of 73,673,182 included 54 churches, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Jewish, Polish National Catholic, Buddhist and Spiritualist. They reported 71,700,142 last year.

The 54 religious bodies covered in the survey, the *Herald* explained, are those with memberships of 50,000 or more. They represent, however, "well over 80 per cent of the total membership," the publication noted.

### MAJOR PROTESTANT GAINS

Major Protestant gains were made by the Seventh-day Adventists, Southern Baptists, the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. Inc., National Baptist Convention of America, Disciples of Christ, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Presbyterian U. S. A., Presbyterian U.S., and the Methodist Church.

The Methodist Church shows an increase of 346,379 members. "The Methodist figure," it said, "will be the subject of some controversy, inasmuch as the bishops of that denomination are claiming a gain of one million members in their 'Year of Evangelism' crusade. The million has not yet been officially recorded."

The magazine's figures indicate total membership of the 47 Protestant denominations covered in the survey is 43,635,058, as compared with 42,100,271 last year. The Roman Catholic membership is set at 24,402,124, as compared with a 1946 total of 23,963,671.

"We are distressed," the *Herald* said, "over the still inadequate denominational machinery for reporting statistics. The Church of Christ, Scientist, does not announce any new figures at all from year to year. And no less than six groups are still reporting figures taken in the 1936 census!"

### TOBACCO

Henry Ford said: "Anything that interferes with our ability to think clearly, lead healthy, normal lives, and do our work well, will ultimately be discarded, either as an economic handicap, or from a desire for better personal health. Tobacco is a narcotic, which is exacting a heavy toll from our present generation. No one smokes in the Ford industries. Tobacco is not a good thing for industry or for the individual. The youth who gets to the front in

any line must be wide-awake, alert, with a mind that is clear and capable of tackling the problems that come up. The boy or the young man whose brain is fogged by the use of cigarets finds himself hopelessly handicapped."

"The relationship between cigaret smoking and juvenile delinquency is intimate beyond the shadow of a doubt. The juvenile court judges in all of the nation's large cities recognize this. It is stated that from 92 to 98 per cent of youthful criminals are users of cigarets."—Dr. Jesse Mercer Gehman, author of "Smoke Over America," dealing with the Cigaret Problem.

"Boys use tobacco because they are physically and mentally weak and morally unsound; or they become physically, mentally and morally impaired because they use tobacco; or each factor may be partially cause and partially effect. In any event, the results of this study would seem to indicate that a close connection exists between low mentality, physical weakness, moral delinquency, and cigaret smoking. If this be true, the cigaret should be regarded as a badge of the physical weakling, the mentally incompetent, and the morally unsound."—Superintendent H. D. Hervey, of Malden, Massachusetts.

"I did not suppose there could longer be any doubt in the minds of men who are informed, or who follow at all closely the growing youth, of the influence of the cigaret habit upon the boy from ten to seventeen years of age. We find it one of the most baneful influences which we have to combat in this court."—Judge Hulbert, of the Detroit Juvenile Court.

"Cigarets are the cause of the downfall of more boys in this institution than all other vicious habits combined."—Dr. Hutchinson, of the Kansas State Reformatory.

Dr. John Harvey Kellog, M. D., LL.D., F.A.C.S., said: "Athletes, when in training, are never allowed to smoke. Every trainer is familiar with the deadly effects of tobacco. Why shouldn't the businessman, the professional man, the statesman, as well as the sportsman, show equal interest to protect his body from the evil effects of a drug which is the deadly foe of efficiency, both mental and physical?"

"In our work among thousands of the boys, we find they are all cigaret smokers. Smoking of cigarets leads to juvenile depravity, and I think if we could stop boys smoking, we would prevent the tendency which eventually leads them to the commission of offenses."—J. J. Kelso, Superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children of the Province of Ontario.

### NOT ALL DEVIL'S FAULT

The provoked girl kicked the shins of her younger brother and pulled his hair. Mother came to the rescue; and then she scolded the girl, and said: "Did Satan tell you to do that?"

"Well," said the repentant sister, after meditating a little, "maybe Satan told me to pull his hair—but kicking his shins was my own idea."—*Christian Victory*.

# EDITORIALS . . .

## COMMUNISM

We are continuing the report of the *Hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives of the Eightieth Congress.*

To me it is very evident that the evils of Communism are being greatly felt here in America, and there is a great need of earnest prayer and constant alertness.

Mr. Hoover said: "With few exceptions the following admonitions of Lenin have been followed:

"It is necessary to be able to withstand all this, to agree to any and every sacrifice, and even—if needs be—to resort to all sorts of devices, maneuvers, and illegal methods, to evasion and subterfuge, in order to penetrate into the trade-unions, to remain in them, and to carry on Communist work in them at all costs' (p. 38, *Left-Wing Communism, and Infantile Disorder*. V. I. Lenin, 1934, International Publishers Co., Inc.)."

I heartily agree with Mr. Hoover when he states he is "convinced that the great masses of union men and women are patriotic American citizens interested chiefly in security for their families and themselves. They have no use for the American Communists, but in those instances where Communists have taken control of unions, it has been because too many union men and women have been outwitted, outmaneuvered, and outwaited by Communists.

"The Communists have never relied on numerical strength to dominate a labor organization. Through infiltration tactics they have, in too many instances, captured positions of authority. Communists have boasted that with 5 per cent of the membership the Communists, with their military, superior organizational ability and discipline, could control the union.

"They regard as political every movement of the working class which seeks to gain concessions by exerting pressure from without as a political movement. Thus, as Lenin puts it:

"The economic strike develops into a political strike and the latter develops into insurrection' (p. 12, *Left-Wing Communism* . . . V. I. Lenin, 1934, International Publishers Co., Inc.).

"For the purpose of investigation, the Attorney General has ruled that a number of organizations in addition to the Communist Party are subversive under the Hatch Act because of Communist influence.

"Mass and front organizations: The united-front program of the Communist Party was launched at the seventh world congress of the Communist International in 1935. The Communist Party in the United States immediately took up the program and a systematic plan was worked out of infiltrating existing organizations with Communists.

"For the most part, front organizations assumed the character of either a mass or membership organization, or a paper organization. Both solicited and used names of prominent persons. Literally hundreds of groups and organizations have either been infiltrated or organized primarily to accomplish the purposes of promoting the interests of the

Soviet Union in the United States, the promotion of Soviet war and peace aims, the exploitation of Negroes in the United States, work among foreign-language groups and to secure a favorable viewpoint toward the Communists in domestic, political, social, and economic issues.

"The first requisite for front organizations is an idealistic sounding title. Hundreds of such organizations have come into being and have gone out of existence when their true purposes have become known or exposed, while others with high-sounding names are continually springing up.

"I want to refer to one.

"The American Youth for Democracy: Illustrative of how the Communists bury one organization and conceive another is the Young Communist League. In the convention assembled in New York City, the Young Communist League was dissolved on October 16, 1943, and the next day the American Youth for Democracy was born."

(To be continued)

## A GREAT MISSION SERVICE—A HIGH DAY IN ZION North Cleveland Church of God Offering Between \$2,600 and \$2,700—Record Breaker

Sunday, July 20, Brother J. Stewart Brinsfield, our Executive Missions Secretary, having just returned from an extended visit to Mexico City, where a more thorough study of our work was possible, brought a real soul-stirring, unusually good message, which caused us to visualize more clearly our great responsibilities to our less fortunate neighbors. God blessed with the sweetest spiritual service I have been privileged to attend in a long, long time. Our hearts were overwhelmed with God's presence. We are so thankful that we were fortunate to be born in America, but this does not lessen our responsibility to others of the world; it rather intensifies it, makes it all the more our duty to help others.

Too often (unlike the good Samaritan) we pass on the other side, as did the priests and Levites and leave the poor, unfortunate, bleeding, dying neighbor struggling in his own blood. Brother Brinsfield told us of the one billion two hundred million people of the world today who have not even heard about JESUS. They do not know. HOW shall they know? He emphasized those eternal HOW'S: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Rom. 10:14, 15. Thus bringing the load down to us.

Many thanks to our pastor, Rev. James L. Slay, who has done a wonderful work here at Headquarters, for the last three years. His messages, brought under the anointing of God; his sincere, devoted, enthusiastic, competent services have endeared him to his people here. The Sunday School is running, regularly, approximately one hundred more than a year ago. The church is growing spiritually, numerically, financially, and in every way becoming a greater blessing to our city and a source of blessing to many thousands through the splendid radio programs.

Students of LEE COLLEGE, when you come to Cleveland you will find a warm welcome awaiting you here.

# Christ's Concern for His Church

By Clyde C. Cox

Should there be any important concern relative to perfection, it would be the concern of Christ that His Church be perfect and glorious in the beauty of holiness. The high light of God's concern truly must be the Church for which His Son died. In this Church, about which heaven is so very much concerned, rests the outcome of the purchased possession and the will of Him that sent Christ Jesus. There is a concern about the future outcome of the Church, and if there ever was a time we needed to take heed how we built upon the true foundation, it is now. May we be stirred with this message and our very intellectual capacity be much concerned.

## CHRIST WAS CONCERNED

About having a church of His own. Truly churches were plentiful in the land; however, God was left out in the cold; Christ went unnoticed as the true foundation. So He said, "I will build my church," Matt. 16:18. His concern for a church was so deeply embedded in His very life, knowing that earthly material only would not suffice in the face of the gates of hell. In order to erect a fundamental church, He used His own blood as the pearl of great price. So He purchased the Church with His own blood. Acts 20:28. His love was deeply concerned. "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it," Eph. 5:25. The Church, therefore, became the body of Christ. "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which IS HIS BODY ...," Eph. 1:22, 23.

## HE WAS CONCERNED

About the foundation upon which the Church was to be built. There had been so many shipwrecks since the fall of Adam, Christ was concerned only in "a sure foundation," Isa. 28:16. Christ built the Church upon Himself, the one and only true foundation. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ," 1 Cor. 3:11. It was upon a rock He said I will build my Church. Matt. 16:18. Christ is referred to as "the stone which was set at nought of

you builders, which is become the head of the corner," Acts 4:11. The stone Christ was used as the cornerstone, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone," Eph. 2:20. One can see His concern in the eternal existence of His Church, that the gates of hell should not prevail against it, Matt. 16:18. "Behold, I lay in Zion



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for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste," Isa. 28:16.

## HE WAS CONCERNED

About what went into the Church to make up its operating faculty, so He Himself went about setting in order the things needed. "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues," 1 Cor. 12:28. The membership also was considered, and "God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him," 1 Cor. 12:18. In the Church of which we are members in particular, 1 Cor. 12:27, "the Lord added to the church daily such as

should be saved," Acts 2:47. There were some who came in that God did not add: "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ," Jude 4.

## HE WAS CONCERNED

About the Church having a reliable head. In order to have that dependable head, He Himself became The Head. "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body," Eph. 5:23. However, that the earthly body might have an oversight, He placed godly men at the helm of the Church to master the ship of Zion. Paul seemed to have had the general oversight; "the care of all the churches" came upon him, 2 Cor. 11:28. And He gave us overseers who were charged to feed the Church of God, Acts 20:28. And others were over us in the Lord, 1 Thess. 5:12. Others were given rule over us and we were to obey them, Heb. 13:17. There was the office of the bishop and that of the deacon, 1 Tim. 3:1, 13. General Headquarters seemed to be located at Jerusalem, having authority to be concerned about the churches in general and its ministry, Acts 15:1-32.

## HE WAS CONCERNED

About the care of the Church and its caretakers. Therefore, as Paul said, "That which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches," 2 Cor. 11:28. Paul truly discharged his duty. He said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," 2 Tim. 4:7. We truly have the responsibility, in some instances, to care for the Church, "If a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" 1 Tim. 3:5. We are God's caretakers of the Church, for we are "labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building," 1 Cor. 3:9.

## HE WAS CONCERNED

About the doctrine of the Church.

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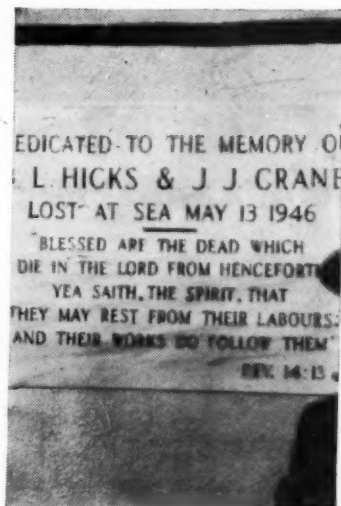


# To the Memory of . . . B. L. Hicks and J. J. Crane

The Church of God at Naples, Florida, wanted to erect a memorial to Rev. B. L. Hicks and Brother J. J. Crane, lost at sea, May 13, 1946, and decided to have a marble plaque made and placed in the front of a new addition just built on the front of the church.

The dedication and memorial service was held Sunday, May 11, at 2:30 P.M. Many friends and relatives gathered to express their appreciation and love for these two men.

Reverend Waldo Farrabee, pastor of the local Methodist church, gave tribute to Brother Hicks. He expressed his memory of Brother Hicks as one of the finest Christian men he had ever met. His whole idea of the Church of God was changed by the clean, consecrated life he saw in Brother Hicks. Brother Hicks had served as pastor for his church while Brother Farrabee was in the hospital at one time. He was president of the local P. T. A. and served in many civic meetings. Brother Farrabee expressed the sentiment of the community in saying they had lost a valuable citizen, as well as a Christian brother. The favorite song of Brother



Hicks, "When I Get to the End of the Way," was sung by a quartet.

Rev. F. F. O'Bannon, pastor of the local Church of God, gave a tribute to Brother Crane. Brother Crane had been in Naples only a few months, having moved here from Cleveland, Tenn. He was a very prominent busi-

nessman and had won many friends in the short time he was here. The church elected him as clerk a few weeks prior to his death. He was a good father, a devoted husband, and a blessed Christian. His favorite song, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be," was sung to his memory.

Rev. E. M. Ellis, district pastor, gave the memorial sermon. It was a very fitting message for this occasion. Brother Ellis had been very closely associated with Brother Hicks in the Church, having served on the Council of Twelve with him many years.

While the quartet sang, "If We Never Meet Again," the congregation marched outside and the plaque was dedicated. It was unveiled by Brother O'Bannon while Brother Ellis dedicated it to their memory. Reverend Farrabee prayed and it seemed that heaven came very near. The church gave a basket of beautiful flowers to each widow of these brothers, and many other floral tributes were sent.

The Church of God at Naples will always feel a great loss, but we realize our loss of these brethren is heaven's gain.—Mrs. F. F. O'Bannon.

## TAKE TIME TO LISTEN!

By Ruby L. Allen

Isaiah 55:1-3, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David."

Dear souls, will you listen to the pleading words of our Lord? He is earnestly begging you to seek that which fills the soul with fatness. What more do we need in these times for the comfort, joy, and peace which we cannot find in this world of sin and sorrow? So many people are spending their labor and money for that which does not satisfy. Oh, if we would just

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Rev. B. L. Hicks' Last Pastorate.

One autumn day in 1898, two traveling salesmen met at the desk of a crowded hotel in Boscobel, Wisconsin. "There's only one double room vacant," the clerk told John Nicholson, of Janesville, Wisconsin, and Samuel E. Hill, of Beloit, Wisconsin.

The two strangers glanced at each other—made a silent appraisal. They nodded; they would share the room.

Before nightfall, Nicholson and Hill became more than passingly friendly. They talked about their work, about their interests. The most important thing they had discovered about each other was that they were devout believers in the "word of the Bible."

Before the two salesmen left the hotel to resume their travels, they had decided they would found an organization for Christian traveling men. Out of this decision grew the Gideon Association, which today has about 12,000 businessmen members and is perhaps the largest individual buyer of Bibles.

Nicholson and Hill met at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on May 31, 1899, and decided they would call a meeting of their embryo organization at the Janesville Y. M. C. A. on July 1. They were joined in their venture by William J. Knights, of Wild Rose, Wisconsin. The name *Gideon* was selected from *Judges* 6 and 7.

"Gideon," Nicholson pointed out, "was a man willing to do exactly what God wanted him to do, regardless of his own ideas or of the results."

When "Daddy Nick," as his friends called him, died in November of this year, that statement was still the standard of the Gideon Association.

These thousands of businessmen who have undertaken to put the Bible where it will reach everyone, have made their influence felt all over the world. Regular membership in the Gideons is limited to businessmen and commercial travelers; others are designated as associate members.

Nicholson, who was the last of the three founders, always maintained that the hotel guest room is recognized as a businessman's home away from home. He preached the dogma for nine years, while the informal Gideon Association was growing in membership. "A Bible in every hotel guest room for the traveling public at large," he said, "should be our aim."

In November of 1908, the Gideons placed their first Bibles in a hotel. Iron Mountain, Montana, in those days, was a rip-snortin' mining town.

# *Bibles for Millions*

## *Gideon Movement*

### **Marvels of Conversion Wrought by Reading**

*By Edwin J. Becker*

The Superior Hotel's manager was doubtful about the twenty-five Bibles for the guest rooms. Sometimes the hotel had some pretty rough visitors. But he gave in to Nicholson's persuasive words. The Bibles were free; that made the management more conducive to the idea.

An Iron Mountain pit man, coming off a long binge, was observed walking out of the hotel with a Gideon Bible tucked under his arm. The manager's eyes popped. He went into his office and wrote a letter to Nicholson. A week later he had more Bibles.

Today there are few hotels in the United States and Canada without Gideon Bibles as a permanent part of the accommodations in each guest room. The Association shipped 15,000 at one crack to Old Orchard, Maine, in the very early years of Gideon activity. In June of 1921, they invaded hell-roaring Atlantic City, N. J., with 10,000 Bibles for the hotels. As early as 1911, they had penetrated California with a shipment of 25,250 Bibles.

To date more than 2,250,000 Gideon Bibles have been distributed to hotels, hospitals, penitentiaries and other institutions. Each month more and more Gideon Bibles are shipped out of the Chicago offices of the Association. Not a single cent is charged for these Bibles. Every one is a contribution by a Gideon, or friends of the Gideon Association.

After Nicholson was satisfied that hotels were being properly Bibles, he gave his attention to steamship lines. The first one to accept the offer of "a Bible in every stateroom" was the

famous Dollar Line. This proved to be a wise move indeed, for the president of the company thereafter ruled that all Gideon Bibles shipped to foreign countries were to be carried free of charge to any port of call of any of the company's liners.

As a result of the steamship company's acceptance of the Bible-in-every-stateroom idea, the Gideon Bibles, in both English and native languages, are widely distributed throughout Japan, China, India, and other Oriental countries. In Jerusalem the King David Hotel, and other leading hotels in Palestine, have long been recipients of Gideon Bibles.

"We don't consider our rooms completely equipped for guests unless there is a Gideon Bible in them," the manager of one large chain of hotels told Rendert H. Muller, international director of the Gideon Association.

Nicholson always said that the presence of a Bible in a hotel room preached a sermon to all who entered the room. "It may, in hotels, have a different reader each night," he said. "Each Bible probably reaches from three to five thousand lives." Experience has shown that the average Gideon Bible, which is placed only in permanent institutions, has an average life of fifteen years.

The Gideons are now the oldest interdenominational laymen's evangelistic association in the world. They adhere strictly to the philosophy of the three founders: *the word of the Bible*. That the hotel Bible program has won many converts is attested to by the numerous testimonials the



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Association receives from all over the world.

Pearl Cassidy, while trick riding and roping with a Wild West show, saw a Gideon Bible on the table in her room at the Hotel Windsor, Ft. Worth, Texas. "It was the first Bible I ever read," she said. "My husband and I read it between performances. We were baptized and gave up shows entirely. We visited my father, a Northwest Canadian Mountie, and he and my two brothers followed our example."

Four young bandits held up an Akron, Ohio, restaurant, and one of them shot and killed the proprietor. Later, they were given Gideon Bibles by a prison and hospital worker. Sometime afterward, the worker received a note written by the youth who had fired the fatal shot, and who was sentenced to die in the electric chair.

"Dear sir," the note read, "tonight I have received a gift I have long desired, a Bible, something I have never had before; and now I hardly know how to thank you. This is a wonder-

ful gift—that in my lonely hours I will have a friend."

Gideons feel that the youth who wrote the note, George Wells, went to his death with a new hope in his heart.

During the war, more than 9,000,000 New Testaments were placed with the armed forces throughout the world by the Gideons. When GI Bob Henderson returned from overseas action, he wrote a personal friend, who is a member of the Gideons:

"Remember the Testament you gave me just before I went into the service? It was the only one I had all the time I was in the service. Wonder if you remember what you wrote on the flyleaf? It was Psalm 91. I have read it under every kind of light—moonlight, flashlight (held under a raincoat so the enemy could not see us), candlelight, and even by the flash of shells and flares. One of our first nights of combat, when the shells were whistling overhead and we were pretty scared, I read the psalm by candlelight to the whole battery of men. It seemed to be the one thing they all needed."

At its International Convention in 1937, the Gideon Association decided their next big project was to be a Bible on the desk of every teacher in all the public schools. Now, however, Director Muller, who lives in Holland, Michigan, says: "We are talking about covering America in five years by distributing thirty million copies of the New Testament to school children."

"Twenty millions of young pagans growing up in America provide recruits for the amazing crime waves and juvenile delinquency of our day," said Dr. Roy G. Ross, specialist in religious education, recently.

It would seem that Dr. Ross is correct. The average age of criminals in America in 1890 is said to have been forty-eight years; in 1933, twenty-

six years; in 1938, but nineteen years. And this year, 1946, F. B. I. figures place the average of the offender against law at seventeen!

A leading authority recently stated that fully a half million schoolboys today will be behind prison bars ten years from now. To this, Lewis E. Lawes, late warden of Sing Sing, added: "We have somehow failed to find the link between education and character."

The Gideons are convinced that they have the right link, and they are doing their utmost to put the Bible where it will be read by everyone. Having just completed the distribution of 22,000 Spanish Testaments in South America, they are now getting in full swing on the job of putting 30,000,000 Gideon Bibles into the hands of young America.

Daddy Nick died happy in the knowledge that the idea he and his fellow traveling salesman, Sam Hill, conceived, was the right kind of tonic to build character among young and old everywhere. — *The Protestant Voice*.

## CAMBRIDGE, MD., VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A Daily Vacation Bible School opened at the Church of God in Cambridge, Maryland, June 16. It was a wonderful blessing to the young people and to our church. We had a fine staff of teachers, who worked faithfully teaching these students more about the Word of God. The school opened with forty-two in attendance and increased in a few days to ninety-six. We were blessed in having the services of Sister Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Sister Angie Yargo. The school closed with a picnic in the morning and a wonderful program that night. The church was filled and the program was a blessing to all. It would have blessed your soul to see how much the young people had accomplished in just ten days and how they had received the Word of God in their hearts. Many said they hadn't seen anything like it before.

The success was due to the goodness of God and to the untiring efforts of Brother and Sister DeFino, who worked so faithfully to promote this cause. I am sure all the workers will receive a great reward after this life is over.—Marie Ruark, president of the Y. P. E.

J. STEWART BRINSFIELD  
Executive Missions Secretary



## News From Our FOREIGN MISSIONS



### THE LORD IS BLESSING IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Our missionary to the Philippine Islands sends us the reports from his churches and we thought you would be interested in reading of how the Lord is blessing there. Here are some excerpts from his letter:

"... I do have many things that are good news.

"A report from pastor Cortez in Barabrit Church of God, Cagayan, states that they had a Sunday School attendance of 107 the last two Sundays of June and that the effects of the convention are still being felt. The work is going on very nicely in this place.

"Pastor Aurilio Molina, of the Church of God in Jones, Isabela, reports a reviving in the church there and that they are ready to build a new chapel. The materials are ready for construction. They ask for our prayers and help.

"Pastor Jaime M. Gumallaoi, Church of God, Baruyen, Bagnui, Ilocos Norte, reports good attendance in the Sunday School. This brother is working under great difficulties. Pray for him.

"Pastor Miss Maura R. Miguel, Church of God, Payas, San Nicolas, I. N., reports wonderful meetings and the outpouring of the Spirit in their midst. Sixteen had been baptized in one month and three more were baptized in June. Many are ready for water baptism just as soon as we find enough water to baptize them near their place.

"The Church of God in San Nicolas is also feeling the Spirit working in our midst. Our Sunday School has felt the effects of the Holy Ghost working in the lives of the young people. One of our young men was baptized in the Holy Ghost. Others are stirred, and the fire is burning.

"Pastor E. C. Mariano reports good meetings in the new work begun in

Baay Batac, Ilocos Norte. We have some members in this place. A new church is in the making. The Sunday School attendance for the last two Sundays was twenty-three each time. This is very good for a new work. There are hopes of a good work to be done in this place. Pray for Baay church.

"Pastor Miss Marcela Bareng, of Cabatuan, Cauayan, Isabela, reports about seven believers in the work she is doing. This is new work and she is able to work part time only, because she has no other means of support. She is determined to work hard and build this work up for Jesus. Pray for her.

"Pastor Vicente Agustin, of Addalem Region, Jones, Isabela, reports the work of the Lord is getting along fine and he would like to give all of his time to the work of the Lord. He is praying that somehow the Lord will provide for his family so he can give full time to the work. Brother Agustin and his wife are a wonderful consecrated couple. Their all is on the altar for the Lord. He is evangelizing in the Addalem Region.

"Pastor Anicito Domingo, of Virgo, Jones, Isabela—no report. This brother is very zealous for the Lord. He is pastoring a fine little church in a very remote place in Isabela. Brother Domingo is a member of the Church of God but his church is not as yet, but considering the matter. Pray for this work.

"Pastor Victor Rafael, of Sinaoangan, Jones, Isabela—no report. He has a fine little church in this place and is a successful worker, working under difficult circumstances financially but would like to be freer to devote all of his time to the work of the Lord. He is willing to go anywhere he is sent to do the Master's will. He has a very good training for the ministry. Pray for him.

"Pastor Baltazar C. Molina reports that he has had some very successful meetings in the evangelizing tour in Isabela, that the people welcome the gospel message and there is great interest among the young people everywhere he has preached. This brother is burning up with zeal for the Lord and he, too, would like to devote all of his time to the ministry. He needs support for his family. His address is Pinaripad, Jones, Isabela.

"The harvest is great and the laborers are few. I have many more who go out preaching the gospel but are not free to give all of their time, their parents are still bosses over them.

"Pastor Miss Solidad Manuel, Payas, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte—no report. She works as assistant pastor and evangelizes in the near-by towns of Payas, Tamorong, Catuging, and Samac. She has three groups of young people organized to preach the gospel in these places. They are having good results and good attendance. They have had two converts and two filled with the Holy Spirit as a result of this type of work. I need this worker to take over a pastorate while I can send the pastor of the Payas church to take over another place that is waiting for a pastor.

"Your letter of June 2, 1947, received. It is concerning Mrs. Porada and her return to the Philippines—about living facilities, etc. I cannot assure anything. Life is hard all the way around; vegetables are hard to get and canned meats and other canned foods soon become sickening to eat. Mrs. Porada has been here and I feel the decision should be up to her, since she has seen for herself and suffered a little of this life. I need my wife very much to cook and get meals ready that are suitable to eat. I am suffering from lack of proper foods. I live mostly on canned milk, to keep up my strength; meat is out of the question. I leave the decision up to Mrs. Porada. I will do my best to provide for them. We have black-market prices here; everything is dear.

"For some reason or other the rainy season is not at its height as yet. When it does start full blast, then we can depend on some cool weather. I see some of our members bring towels or blankets to keep warm; they think the evenings are cool and they feel affected. But I myself am perspiring all the time; it is really too warm for me here.

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# REQUESTS... for Prayer

## PRAY FOR:

A husband and wife to be reunited; my husband to be saved.—A sister, Monroe, Mich.

My healing of a cancer and for God to give me more understanding of the Bible.—Mrs. Ollie Brust, 4913 Bennett Ave., Austin, Texas.

My healing of sinus trouble.—Miss Rosella Rountree, Box 253, Jellico, Tenn.

My healing of a badly affected knee and a bad stomach trouble; my little girl, who has a head trouble.—Mrs. Cora Flemings, Rt. 1, Box 73, Murphy, N. C.

My mother to be healed of a cancer on her head.—Miss Mary Jones, 302 N. Canal St., Natchez, Miss.

My healing of kidney and bladder trouble and high blood pressure.—Mrs. A. W. Hughett, Rt. 1, Pulaski, Va.

A girl who is in the Savannah hospital in a pitiful condition, paralyzed and can't talk.—Lottie Hendrix, Homerville, Ga.

Sister Hufstetler, who is going blind; two families and one man here to be saved; my sister and me to be made strong in our bodies; Mr. and Mrs. Compton to be healed.—Mrs. Dovie Donaldson, Rt. 7, Maryville, Tenn.

The healing of my eyes, especially my left one.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Lithia, Fla.

My wife, who has undergone two operations.—T. W. Godwin, Brunswick, Ga.

Me, as I have been crippled for several years; my mother, who is not well.—Mrs. Susie McLeod, Rt. 3, Box 84, Valdosta, Ga.

A very urgent unspoken request.—A sister in Christ, Danville, Va.

My healing; my husband; God to help my mother; Sister Ollie Smith, who has T.B.; Charlie Raper, who is seriously ill; Bill Reeves, who is in Japan.—A sister, Rt. 1, Box 86, Franklin, N. C.

Two unspoken requests.—A sister, 502 Ethel St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

Healing for our boy's eye which has something like a cataract coming on it; healing for a neighbor boy who has whooping cough very bad; a backslidden friend; my husband and brother to receive the Holy Ghost; a very special unspoken request.—Mrs. Robert Copher, 1820 Indiana, Joplin, Mo.

The healing of my body, I am anemic.—Mrs. Stella Whittington, 327 S. Coal Spring St., Fayetteville, N. C.

## TESTIMONIES

### Glad for What God Did

NORTHFORK, W. Va.—I thank God for healing me of poison ivy, which I had about two weeks ago. My eye was swollen shut, but the swelling began to leave after we prayed. I am glad God has saved me.—Natalie Baker.

### I Know God's Power Is Real Power

LANGLEY, S. C.—I thank and praise the Lord for the trials and afflictions which He has brought me through. I know His power is real. About a year and a half ago, I had a terrible nervousness which affected my eyes. They were so bad I could hardly read at times. Brother Rouse anointed a handkerchief for me and when I received it I felt the healing virtue go through my body. Praise the Lord, I can read all I want to now. Thank

A man to be delivered from the awful drink habit; two unspoken requests.—A reader, Detroit, Mich.

The healing of my body.—Sister J. E. Walker, 120 Mill St., Erlanger, N. C.

My five-year-old daughter, who has never walked, to be healed; my children to be saved.—Rev. G. O. Hill, Rt. 4, Mannington, W. Va.

The Lord to undertake for a great burden I have.—Sister Ellen Marsh, 1409 N. 21st Ave., Omaha, Nebr.

My complete healing.—Mrs. Mae Milum, Fort Gay, W. Va.

The healing of my body, I have been sick so long.—Ellen Reeves, 440 29½ St., Ashland, Ky.

The healing of an elderly brother, W. K. Underwood.—Rev. V. W. Thomas, Box 1057, Pulaski, Va.

My faith to be increased; my daughter's salvation; God to undertake in a matter needing immediate attention; unspoken requests.—A sister in Christ, Albany, Ga.

Me to be healed of a cold; urgent unspoken request; God to have His way here in the Church of God.—W. E. Blackburn, San Francisco 10, Calif.

My body to be healed; my family to be saved; a friend who has been paralyzed for eight years.—Mrs. G. C. Emerson, 157 Durham St., Mt. Airy, N. C.

My son and his family; my oldest daughter and family; God to supply some needs.—Mrs. Sadie M. Sergars, Rt. 1, Box 105, Wiscasset, Maine.

Us to get a building for our services.—J. Kendall, 116 N. Hill St., Sidney, Ohio.

The healing of Brother W. A. Beasley, Ripley, Tenn.

My sons and their wives to be saved; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—A reader.

The healing of my body, I have been sick so long.—Ellender Brown, Marietta, Ga.

Me as I have dire need both for my diseased body and a very urgent unspoken request.—A believer in Him, Charlotte, N. C.

My complete healing; unspoken request.—Mrs. McIn.

The Lord to completely heal my body, I have a tumor; also pray that somehow I will be privileged to be close enough to attend church.—Mrs. C. D. Clay, Rt. 1, Cleveland, Miss.

God for all who prayed for me. I also thank Him for healing me of a bad throat and ear trouble recently. The Lord means all to me; He is my strength; in Him do I put my trust.—Corrie Bollinger, Box 93.

### Work in Pulaski Blessed

PULASKI, Va.—God has certainly blessed the work here, and is still blessing. In our regular services this week, seven were saved, seven sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost. God has this town stirred, even the businessmen have been asking to what we contribute the growth of the work here. I told one elderly Methodist man that the Church of God had just taken up where the Methodist Church stopped, and that we still believed in the old time singing, praying, and shouting, like they one time believed. Pray that God will continue to work here.—Rev. V. W. Thomas.

## I Know God Still Answers Prayer

GEORGETOWN, Ohio—I praise God for His precious healing power. My daughter was having hemorrhages of the kidneys, one after the other, for several days. I knew if God didn't undertake she couldn't hold up. I prayed and asked other saints to pray for her. After three days of fasting and praying, I was so weak from the loss of sleep and food I felt I had gone as far as I could, but I went to prayer and prayed until I felt I had the victory. When I came downstairs and walked into her room, the power of God fell on me. She was having another hemorrhage then. I laid my hands on her, under the power of God, and she arose as the healing virtue went through her weakened body. Instantly she was healed, and the hemorrhages have never come back. I know God still hears and answers prayer.—Hala Maynard.

ASHEBORO, N. C.—I thank God for His wonderful love and mercy to me, for calling me out of darkness into His marvelous light a few months ago. I sent a request to the Evangel that the Lord might heal me of asthma, and I can gladly say I am better. The Lord has been so good to me and touched my body, for which I am very grateful.—Mrs. H. E. Stone, Box 617.

## STATE CONVENTIONS, 1947

North Carolina, August 5-13, Campground, near Charlotte.

Ohio, August 7-17, Methodist Campground, near Lancaster.

West Virginia, August 8-10, Huntington.

Idaho, August 10-24, Lewiston.

Mississippi, August 14-17, Hattiesburg.

Georgia, August 21-31, Campground, near Atlanta.

Oklahoma, August 17-26, Shawnee.

Oregon, August 24-September 4, Portland.

Louisiana, August 22-24, Monroe.

Virginia, August 28-September 7, Pulaski.

## MINUTES

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# Reports

## FROM THE FIELD

### GREAT PROGRESS IN OUR Y.P.E. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are giving a word of praise for the great progress in our Y. P. E. and Sunday School and also for the revival at Mountain City, Ga., conducted by Carl O. Graham. Many souls were blessed as Brother Graham preached the Word of God under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Other churches cooperated in this revival and were revived as the Holy Ghost worked in our midst. We appreciate our good pastor, Rev. James A. Sanders, and also our district pastor, Rev. G. W. Mize. Anyone desiring a good old-time revival, get in touch with Brother Graham. He is a real man of

God.—Rose Mae Eller, clerk, Rabun Gap, Ga.

### Every Department of Church More Than Doubled

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—In just a few short months we will have come to the close of three years of pastoral work at the East Louisville Church. It has been a pleasure to work with these good, cooperative people; they have stood with us in every progressive work we have undertaken for Christ.

On coming here, we found the work well established, as it had been pastored by Rev. E. W. Carden and Rev. Willis Carden, son and father and

two of Kentucky's finest pastors. Much credit for the work here should go to these faithful ministers.

Every department of the church, including the membership, has more than doubled. During this time we have raised seven thousand dollars (besides our loan) on our new building, which is now nearing completion.

God is still blessing and we are looking to Him for greater things.—J. David Pitts, pastor.

### MANY BLESSED IN ARIZONA

God is greatly blessing in Arizona. We have had many souls saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the Church. Several Sundays ago we were in Winslow. The Lord gave us a glorious day; some were saved, nineteen sought the Baptism, eleven were baptized in water, and thirteen added to the church.—Rev. John E. Douglas, 322 N. Patricio St., Phoenix, Arizona.



We thank the Lord for the way He has blessed the church at Pulaski, Va. In the short time Rev. V. W. Thomas has been our pastor, there have been great gains. The membership has had an increase of over 100, the tithes have increased from around \$200 to over \$800, the Sunday School has had an increase from an average of 44 to 288 (there were 359 present the day the picture was taken). Brother Don Lewis is the superintendent of the Sunday School. Since Brother Thomas came, a modern seven-room parsonage, with full basement, has been built and furnished (Brother Thomas donated the furnace in

the parsonage). Three Sunday School rooms and rest rooms have been added, a forced-air heating system has been installed, and the buildings have just now been stuccoed, and we owe \$900 on all improvements. The L.W.W.B. has the money to completely redecorate the interior of the church. Brother and Sister Thomas are efficient workers, with the interest of the church and the welfare of the community at heart. The people love them and we trust that they will stay with us until Jesus comes.—Mrs. J. A. Sander, reporter.

## CHRIST'S CONCERN FOR HIS CHURCH

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Christ understood that every man had a doctrine, and that false doctrine had filled the land. However, in His Church He ordered sound doctrine. "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine," Titus 2:1. He desired a church with a solid-rock foundation. He desires the same principle in the doctrine of the Church. No church can have a solid front and a concrete foundation except it has a sound, fundamental doctrine based upon the word of God. The crisis is here that Paul spoke of: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts (fleshly desires to be somewhat religious) shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth (sound doctrine), and shall be turned unto fables (false doctrine of men)," 2 Tim. 4:3, 4. God help us ministers to preach the Word, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

### HE WAS CONCERNED

About the growth of the Church. The spiritual growth was His foremost concern. Without that, the body, though it be a giant in size, would be a walking skeleton. God truly does not want the skeleton of a church, with outward growth only. However, with all the building fitly framed together, it will grow unto "an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit," Eph. 2:21, 22. The Church is the habitation of God, provided we have His Spirit and are concerned in spiritual growth. Paul did glory in the Churches of God for their growth in faith which enabled them to endure persecutions and tribulations. 2 Thess. 1:3, 4. Bear in mind that the body without the spirit is dead, and some were as trees whose fruit had withered, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots. In order to be a strong church we must "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," 2 Peter 3:18. When this growth is accomplished, it will take larger quarters to care for the Church. The outward frame will grow as the inward man is renewed and receives his spiritual growth. No church is stronger than its strongest member, nor weaker than

its weakest member. The worship having a form of godliness, is truly taking the day; many are compromising with the modernistic, streamlined, last-day religious false philosophy of the formalist that is creeping into the churches, for which God gave His best. May God remove the strange fire from the altar and replace it with that good old-time Holy Ghost flame, and with God's consuming fire, and make us ministers a flaming fire. Bear in mind that as always, formality brings carnality, and spirituality brings in reality. One may grow in formality without Christ, and soon he will be without Christ.

### HE WAS CONCERNED

About the ministry of the Church. "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." He gave the order of the ministry that the body might be edified, that the saints might be made perfect, and that the work of the ministry might be continued until the Church come into the perfect unity and faith of the Son of God. It is required of a minister, by a solemn charge, that he preach the Word, not in the modernistic line, nor with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. What effect will preaching like that have upon the believer? It will teach him not to let his faith stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 1 Cor. 2:4, 5. We are in need of ministers who will yield to the anointing of the Holy Ghost, be filled with the Spirit, preach a red-hot gospel to the sinner, pull the Church members and preachers over God's refining fire,

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and let Him wash us with fuller's soap, that the Church might be purged from any modernistic ideals which may be in our midst. God help us to turn loose upon this dazed and crazed religious world, God's atomic, Holy Ghost, gospel fire. We ministers have an honorable calling, let us hold to the trust and confidence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### CONCLUSION

We may add, that He was concerned about having a glorious church, without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. Eph. 5:27. He was concerned about its members living soberly, godly, and righteously in this present world. Titus 2:12. He was concerned about healing for the Church; that the elders of the Church might be called to pray over the sick and the Lord heal them, James 5:14. "By his stripes ye are healed," Isa. 53:5. He was concerned about all nations, Matt. 28:19, 20; the white fields, John 4:35; every creature, Mark 16:15. Mission work was God's concern, and God's concern is our concern. Are we concerned?

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## TAKE TIME TO LISTEN

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take time to stop and listen! Incline your ear, hear, and your soul shall live. At the wild pace the world is running today, it is hard to get people to stop and listen. They have no time to listen to the words which, if heeded, are able to save their souls. I am greatly burdened for lost souls this morning.

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Why? Because of disobedience to God's Word. Oh yes, there are plenty laborers, but for what are they laboring? For the things of this world. Men and women are working, some night and day, just to gain this world's good. They are not concerned about where their souls are going to spend eternity. The pressure of the enemy is so strong in the world, that the true saints are having one trial right after another. Oh, it takes much prayer! The seventh verse of this same chapter of Isaiah says, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Dear friend, just read the 57th chapter of Isaiah and see what he says to the wicked. Then read the 58th chapter, and let us hold fast that which is acceptable to the Lord. There is such a great need for full-time laborers. Oh, we need to watch, for the shepherds are slumbering and sleeping, and the enemy is taking his chance at the sheep. Did not Jesus say, "I must be up and about my Father's business"? Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silent, "for the pastors are becoming brutish, and have not sought the Lord, therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flock shall be scattered," Jeremiah 10:21.

Jeremiah 6:19, "Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it."

Isaiah 1:19, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land."

Let us go forth in haste, with a willing mind to be obedient unto the call of our Lord, that we might be worthy to stand before the Lord in that great and notable day of His coming. Amen.

## THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

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justified by the law of Moses." The ceremonial law and its sacrifices did not take away sins, Heb. 10:4, but only made an atonement (covering) for them until Christ came and took them away forever. Rom. 8:3 declares that the law was weak through the flesh, and that there were some things it could not do; i.e., could not take away sins. But God sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh (likeness only, not sinful flesh). He was sent for sin, i.e., because sin was in the world, and had to be put away lest the human race all be doomed to perdition. He condemned sin in the flesh, that we should no longer walk after the flesh, but after the Spirit, Rom. 8:4; Gal. 2:16. A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ.

*There is no contradiction between Paul's doctrine of justification by faith and James' doctrine of justification by faith and works:* Rom. 4:1-12; James 2:14-26. They are simply two sides of the same truth. Paul speaks of that which justifies men in the sight of God, faith apart from works. James considers the subject from a human viewpoint, and speaks of that which justifies men in the sight of men—faith and works both. A man's works are the literal evidences of his faith. God may see man's faith without his works, but we can only see his faith by his works. James (2:18) says "I will shew thee my faith by my works." In verse 24, James concludes that a man is justified by faith and works, too.

Conclusion: Justification begins when we accept Christ as Lord and Savior, and continues in the Christian life until the day we die, or until Jesus comes. In other words, we will have to remain justified as long as we live, to make it to heaven.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

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"Today is a lovely day and the sun is shining. Everything seems to be so clean after the rain, and the trees look nice and green. Everything seems to have taken on new life. The mountain range can be seen at a distance, with the heavy clouds overhanging. We will see those clouds overhead this afternoon, and the downpour of rain they will send upon us.

"I could not rest very well last night, so I got up and uttered a word of prayer, then I looked out of the window into the sky and saw the half-moon and the clouds passing by. It was a beautiful scene. I stopped to think of home and friends far away. What a feeling to be so far from friends, and no white person near with whom to talk! Then I went to the other window facing the China Sea. I could hear the roar of the sea at a distance of about four miles. It brought memories of that terrible voyage we had on the Marine Lynx. I am glad I came and am a worker here for the Lord.

"Sincerely yours, Frank Porada."

*The seed ye sow, another reaps;  
The wealth ye find, another keeps;  
The robes ye weave, another wears;  
The arms ye forge, another bears.*  
—Shelley.

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